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The introduction of the rates is subject to increment remissions of two kinds, and also to the concessions granted last fasli and this fasli on account of low prices.

The prices of coconuts and pepper (*a*) at harvest of 1931–32, (*b*) at harvest of 1932–33, (*c*) in October 1932, (*d*) in October 1933, have been shown in the summary annexed to the answer given to question No. 630 on 5th February 1934. These prices for coconuts are—

	Price per 1,000 RS.	A.	P.
(*a*) Harvest of 1931–32	30	6	0
(*b*) Harvest of 1932–33	32	15	0
(*c*) October 1932			
(*d*) October 1933	18	10	0

The price reported for January 1934 is Rs. 19·05.

Disabilities of the lessees of lanka lands in the Godavari.

* 854 *Q.*—Mr. G. SRIRAMULU: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is a particular lease form of deed for 'A', 'B' and 'C' class lankas in the Godavari river;

(*b*) whether the lease form of deed will be placed on the table of this House;

(*c*) whether the lessee is permitted to cultivate any accretion to or abutting on the leased lands; if not, why he is not permitted to cultivate on condition of paying proportionate rent;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that some lankas are washed away by the floods; if so, whether the Government are remitting proportionate rent;

(*e*) whether there are any conservators of rivers;

(*f*) whether it is necessary for lanka ryots to get previous permission of the Conservator to raise cattle-sheds and storage-sheds on the lankas;

(*g*) whether it is a fact that the lanka ryots are not allowed to dig wells in lankas for cultivation purposes;

(*h*) whether the ryots will be provided with the necessary facilities;

(*i*) whether it is a fact that the rent is levied in two equal instalments in the months of March and April;

(*j*) whether the Government have received any representations to increase the number of instalments; if so, what the Government propose to do;

(*k*) who the final appellate authority is over the decision of Conservator with regard to (i) compensation for any loss or damage sustained by the lessee and (ii) relinquishment of any part or whole of the demised premises; and

(*l*) whether a lanka ryot can lease out to sub-lessees; if not, why not?

A.—(*a*) There are two forms of lease-deed, one for 'A' class lankas and another for 'B' and 'C' class lankas.

(*b*) The forms are being obtained from the Collector and will be placed on the table of the House in due course.

(*c*) The lessee has no right to any accretion forming after the granting of the lease. The Government are not aware whether in practice cultivation of accretions on payment of proportionate rent is permitted.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) Yes.

(*g*) The Government are not aware that the fact is as stated.

(*h*) The Government do not understand what facilities are intended.

(*i*) Yes. On 10th March and 10th April of every year.

(*j*) The Government have ordered on the recommendation of the Collector of East Godavari that the rentals for the current fasli in that district may be collected in not more than four instalments in certain cases.

(*k*) The Collector as regards (i). As regards (ii) it would depend on the circumstances in which the relinquishment is made.

(*l*) Yes, with the written permission of the Collector.

Mr. G. SRIRAMULU:—"May I know whether the Government have received any representations from the ryots of West Godavari district?"

The Hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—"No, Sir."

Public Service.

Admissibility of acting allowances to lower division clerks officiating in the upper division.

* 855 *Q.*—Khan Bahadur MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether officiating allowances are given when clerks in the lower division act in the upper division vacancies in the Secretariat;

(*b*) whether this allowance is given in A class offices in the Madras City;